

Kiwanis Club of Sardis

Serving Children of the World

Community Update



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Reading Project Continuing Despite the Pandemic



The Sardis Kiwanis Super Reader Program providing incentives for children in elementary schools to read at home is alive and well in 9 schools in Chilliwack, with over 2,600 children participating. The pandemic prevents us from presenting awards to the children but teaching staff have very kindly taken over that role for the time being.

Kiwanians Help With The Kettles

Thirteen members of the Sardis Kiwanis Club looked after the Salvation Army kettles at 3 locations in Sardis on November 28. and were impressed with the generosity of the shoppers. We augmented our volunteer contribution by making a \$900 donation to the Salvation Army "adopt a hamper program" and a further \$1,000 donation to the foodbank.

Kiwanis Bursaries



Did you know that the Kiwanis Club of Sardis sponsors a total of 13 bursaries of \$1,000 each for graduates of Chilliwack Secondary, Sardis Secondary and GW Graham?



Kiwanis Support Teens' Volunteerism & Service



Kiwanis International is very proud of its efforts to foster interest in service and volunteerism in middle schools, high schools and universities around the world. They do that by helping to form clubs in these institutions, providing seed money where required and acting as advisors as the clubs develop. The largest type of club is called a Key Club, which seeks to harness and motivate teens enthusiasm for service in high schools. There are thousands of these clubs in over 38 countries around the world. The Sardis Kiwanis Club has the privilege of acting as advisors and supporters of two very hard working key Clubs at Sardis Secondary and GW Graham. The pandemic has, of course made it difficult for these clubs to operate but the creativity and enthusiasm of its members never ceases to amaze us. The Sardis Secondary Key Club for example, reported recently that it has 77 members; its executive meets weekly, its projects include planning a virtual ride for kids' cancer, helping the Salvation Army prepare food hampers and sort food and preparing to offer "snow angels" if required. Makes you think our country will be in good hands in the years to come!!

Red Nose Grounded but Still Providing Advice



At this time of year, the Kiwanis Club of Sardis would normally be very busy coordinating the work of approximately 150 volunteers in offering a designated driver service in Chilliwack known as Operation Red Nose.

As many of you are aware, the Red Nose program normally operates from 9pm to 3am on Fridays and Saturdays leading up to New Year. We get you and your family home safely as well as your vehicle. The monies raised from this super program provide funding for a number of Kiwanis projects supporting children.

Unfortunately, the pandemic has grounded the program this year but we continue to advocate safe driving habits on social media. There is also an ability to donate to your Red Nose host in Chilliwack so that we can continue with our programs. Please check it out on Facebook



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